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SUBJECT: Honduran President Maduro Letter to President Bush  
With Invitation to January 27 Presidential Inauguration

Ref: Tegucigalpa 11

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1. The Honduran Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under cover of a diplomatic note dated January 3, 2006, sent the Embassy a letter dated December 27, 2005, from Honduran President Ricardo Maduro to President Bush inviting him to attend Jose Manuel "Mel" Zelaya Rosales' January 27, 2006 inauguration. The letter follows President-elect Zelaya's December 21, 2005 letter to President Bush on the same topic (ref B), and President-elect Zelaya's December 28, 2005 letters to various USG VIPs, including Secretary of State Rice, also on the same topic (ref A). Post is e-mailing a scanned copy of the letter to WHA/CEN and will pouch the original of President Maduro's letter to the Honduran Desk Officer. Unofficial Embassy translation of the letter follows.

2. Begin unofficial Embassy translation:

Ricardo Maduro  
President of the Republic of Honduras

Tegucigalpa, M.D.C.  
December 27, 2005

Excellency:

As the mandate to be President of Honduras given to me by the Honduran people four years ago comes to an end, I wish to extend to you my thanks for the friendship you have shown me. I also wish to take this opportunity to extend to you a most cordial invitation to take part in the Inauguration Ceremony for my successor, Mr. Manuel Zelaya Rosales, which will take place in Tegucigalpa, on January 27, 2006.

It will be a great honor for Honduras to welcome you as our guest and your presence will further strengthen the joyous and strong ties of friendship shared by our two nations.

I look forward to receiving a favorable response from you to my invitation, and I take this opportunity to express to you the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration.

/s/

Ricardo Maduro

His Excellency  
George W. Bush  
President of the United States of America

3. End unofficial Embassy translation.

4. As previously noted, Post will RSVP to the GOH on behalf of the USG delegation to the Zelaya inauguration once it has been selected in Washington.

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